

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Police Chief Merle Harl, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Street Department Director Joddie Johnson, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Building commissioner Paul Roberts, Controller Kay Garry, Sewer Billing director Kelly Welsh, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Tony Toran re: Brandon's House Walk-a-thon

Mr. Toran reported that Brandon's House would like to hold a walk-a-thon April 30 starting at 3:30 p.m. He presented a map for the path that will be taken which is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Herb Goodall, New Albany Elks Club re: request for road block weekend of June 10.

Mr. Goodall, New Albany Elks Club, requested permission for a road block on either June 10 or June 17 for Clothe a Child. He stated that they help over 130 needy local children by buying them winter clothes.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the request, Mr. Toran, all voted in favor.

Item #3 - John Miller, CHDO, re: Linden Meadows.

Mr. Miller presented the Plat for Linden Meadows to be signed by the Board.

The Board signed the Plat.

Item #4 - Dave Scopelliti, Federal Hill Cafe, re: parking.

Mr. Scopelliti was not present.

Item #5 - Jeff Eastridge re: Water Street.

Mr. Eastridge addressed the Board regarding Water Street. He stated that he owns a piece of property that needs to be cleaned up, but that Water Street was vacated in the past and he would like to have that street blocked off from 15th to 12th so he can keep people from dumping on his property.

Mr. Toran asked for a copy of his deed.

Officer Lewis stated that they went down to inspect his property but when they were down there

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the property east of his, which belongs to the County Commissioners, is worse.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the responsibility of cleaning up these properties.

Mr. Toran stated that the board would take this under advisement.

Item #6 - Michael Simmons, The Fitness Zone, re: hanging banner.

Mr. Simmons, The Fitness Zone, requested to hang a banner in front of his building from telephone pole to telephone pole because when the leaves are on the trees in front of his building you cannot see his business sign.

Mr. Hunter stated that he did not believe that they are in the habit of hanging banners for private businesses.

Mr. Toran asked if it would help if they trimmed the trees.

Mr. Simmons stated that his sign is only visible in the winter when the leaves have fallen off the trees.

Mr. Toran asked if he would be open to the board looking into other alternatives.

Mr. Simmons stated that would be fine.

Item #7 - Chief Harl re: Department SOPs.

Chief Harl stated that he has presented an SOP regarding internal police investigation that he needs approved by the board.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Bill Schmidt reported that on Daisy Lane there are little yellow flags from Schell Lane to Greybrook in people's yards and they are wondering why they are there and who put them in the yards.

Mr. Hunter stated that he has seen them and will find out who they were placed there for and why.

Mr. Trancill asked for an update on the 1018 E. Elm Street.

Mr. Toran explained that Mr. Neihoff has been denied an extension and he is currently being fined each day that he does not correct the problems. The issue is now in the hands of the City Attorney. He has also been contacted by Planning and Zoning regarding his two gravel driveways that do not comply with city code.

Mr. Trancill stated that he looked into the smoke detector code and there is suppose to be a Fire Prevention Bureau to go out and make sure there are smoke detectors in rental homes.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the smoke detector policy.

Mr. Trancill asked what percentage of the fines are being collected.

Mr. Toran stated he would have to check with either the city attorney or the controller for that

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information.

Mr. Trancill asked if there was ever a paralegal hired to help with the code enforcement.

Mr. Toran informed him that there has been an attorney contracted to act as a paralegal and the City Attorney has hired someone to help.

Mr. Toran asked Ms. Tonda Whilhoit if she has been contacted yet by the new Building Commissioner.

Mr. Toran announced Clean up New Albany will be on May 13, 2006 and he asked all department heads to mark their calendars. He stated that this would also be coordinated with Tox-away Day with Solid Waste.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hunter moved to be approved the minutes of Executive Session minutes of February 7 and 16, 2006, regular meeting minutes of February 14 and February 21, 2006 and Public Hearing minutes of February 14, 2006, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Toran reported that they have a contract from Mr. Fred Hall to work as a contracted inspector for the city.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Toran reported that Gary Reynolds from CSX would like permission to close the crossing at Vincennes and Main, Ekin and 15th and Culbertson and 15th through Friday of this week to make repairs to the tracks.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety**

**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**

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